

CARR-1241

1932

Milking Room

Public

Springfield Hospital Center

Sykesville

The Milking Room is a one story stucco building located west of the dairy barn. Measuring three bays by three bays, the building displays a hipped roof and cement foundation.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Milking Room

and/or common

2. Location Springfield Hospital Center

street & number _____ not for publication

city, town Sykesville _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 6

state Maryland _____ county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Hospital

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

street & number 201 West Preston Street telephone no.: 301-225-6816

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21201

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex, Rm G-8 liber

street & number 55 North Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state Maryland 21157

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The building entitled the Milking Room measures three bays wide and three bays deep and is constructed of stucco. Located adjacent to the Dairy Barn, the Milking Room stands west of the barn. The one story building displays a hipped roof covered by diamond-shaped asbestos shingles. A raised string course constructed of cement runs around the building just below the window sills. A cement foundation supports the building.

Painted jack arch lintels made of cement decorated the 8/8 windows. Only the upper sash of the pivot window is operable. The windows exhibit wooden sills and surrounds. The same lintel treatment appears above the doors as well. The north wall shows a single door with a wooden lower sash and a 3/4 pane arrangement on the upper sash. In contrast, the south wall is detailed by stable doors of board and batten construction, and two individual cement lintels. Above the lintels, a boxed cornice supports the hipped roof.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1932 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The building identified as the Milking Room was constructed in 1932 to provide the farm operation of Springfield with a modern milk cooling plant. The plant increased the efficiency of the farming production because it provided updated equipment with larger capacities. The Milking Room complimented the newly constructed cow barn (now the Youth Center). The farm operation produced goods which helped to feed the hospital population and which reinforced the hospital's self-sufficiency. The farm operation also allowed some eligible patients to undergo work therapy. The doctors felt that working in the fields and in the barns to be more beneficial to the patients themselves than to the smooth productivity of the hospital. The farm operation was terminated in the 1960's so that the Milking Room and other buildings like it represent a time in the history of the hospital which no longer exists. The building currently functions as storage space.

The cement stucco milking plant displays architectural characteristics which combine features from both the brick buildings and the other farm buildings. The Milking Room exhibits elements which resemble the 1917 filtration plant building. One piece lintels with a jack arch shape, a raised string course and the dimensions of the building all mimic the filtration building. However, the construction materials definitely appear similar to the barns: cement and asbestos shingles. The details of the building were kept simple and all remain intact.

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Negatives at MHT

North and West